

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 39-44 are pending in the present application.

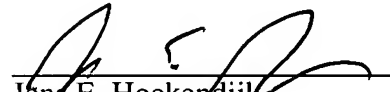
Claims 39-44 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 9-13, 17-18, 23 and 24 of US Patent No. 6,663,650. Claims 39-44 were also rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 6,824,545 and over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 6,730,104.

Terminal Disclaimers are submitted herewith to address the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

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